--- 5 Cigars - “Series of 1967” - *imperforate* - 19 x 22½ mm. - scanned at 150% scale ---

--- “Albert Cigars”, Toronto - 50-E-7 - in 2½ mm. red Gothic - from 1966-67 ---

In 1966 “Albert Cigars”, Toronto, began use of **RG-716** - the small black five cigar “Coat-of-Arms” with the reversed company code **50-E-7**. The cancellation collection contains the following examples:

RG-716 - 5 cigars, *imperforate*, coded **H-2 / 50-E-7** by “Albert Cigars”, Toronto, in August 1967

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---
1966	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	G-3	---	H-2	H-3
1967	I-1	---	I-3	---	---	J-3	---	K-2	K-3	L-1	L-2	L-3
1968	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---	---

--- the codes follow the “Macdonald Tobacco” cancellation sequence - which ran in four quarters per year ---

	Jan.	Feb.	Mar.	Apr.	May	Jun.	Jul.	Aug.	Sep.	Oct.	Nov.	Dec.
1965	[A-1	A-2	A-3]	[B-1	B-2	B-3]	[C-1	C-2	C-3]	[D-1	D-2	D-3]
1966	[E-1	E-2	E-3]	[F-1	F-2	F-3]	[G-1	G-2	G-3]	[H-1	H-2	H-3]
1967	[I-1	I-2	I-3]	[J-1	J-2	J-3]	[K-1	K-2	K-3]	[L-1	L-2	L-3]
1968	[M-1	M-2	]									

Lee Brandom introduces the above series as from 1965, and “Albert Cigars”, Toronto began use of **RG-716** in 1966. “Benson & Hedges”, Montreal, [**34-10D**] began using **RG-716** in 1967.

Chris Ryan lists “Albert Cigars”, Toronto, as operating from 1949 to 1958-59. This does not square with the date of use of the above stamp. They must have operated after 1959. Was the facility purchased and operated by Macdonald Tobacco?

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